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Proposed programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 1992-1993

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its twenty-fifth session, the Population Commission had before it for information the programme of work in the field of population of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs and of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development. These programmes had been prepared under the medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 37/234 and extended to 1991 in its resolution 42/215 on the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and under the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/202 A.

2. The Population Commission has before it for consideration at its current session the proposed programme of work in the field of population for the biennium 1992-1993 of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1991/CRP.1) and of the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development (E/CN.9/1991/CRP.2), which were prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the World Population Plan of Action, 1/ General Assembly resolutions 3344 (XXIX), 3345 (XXIX) and 39/228 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1986/7 and 1989/92 and within the framework of programme 18 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 45/253, and

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following upon the work programmes approved by the Council in resolutions 1979/33, 1981/29, 1984/4, 1985/5, 1987/71 and 1989/93.

3. The proposed programme of work is designed to carry out research of the highest priority at the global level, to disseminate research findings in the most effective manner possible and to provide substantive and operational support for technical co-operation projects in the field of population. Priorities are set within the framework of the World Population Plan of Action 1/ and the recommendations for its further implementation, adopted by the International Conference on Population, held at Mexico City in 1984. 2/

4. The proposed programme of work has been prepared on the assumption that all resources budgeted - in particular, those concerning Professional staff - will be fully available and utilized. To the extent that the assumption is proved unfounded in a significant manner, programme implementation will be adjusted accordingly.

5. The Population Commission may wish to review the proposed population programme and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. It should be borne in mind that, in accordance with the terms of regulation 3.1 and rules 103.2, 103.3, 103.5 and 103.6 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, while the suggestions or recommendations on the substance of the work programme by the intergovernmental body concerned may be taken into account in the course of the preparation and review of the programme budget, the Secretary-General cannot commit himself to the adoption of such suggestions or recommendations before the completion of the proposed programme budget.

Notes

1/ Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

2/ Report of the International Conference on Population, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8), chap. I, sect. B.